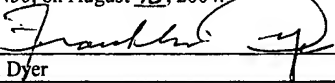



REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the Claims have been amended to replace existing claims 1-14 with new claims 15-27. Because the number of independent claims is not in excess of three, and the number of claims is not in excess of twenty, no additional claim fees are believed to be required.

An early examination and allowance of this application are solicited.

<p><u>Certificate of Mailing Under 37 CFR 1.8</u></p> <p>I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope address to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on August <u>10</u>, 2004.</p> <p> _____ Franklin Dyer</p>

Respectfully submitted,

	<u>8/10/04</u>
Gerald P. Parsons	Date
Reg. No. 24,486	